



# Taungya E-Bulletin

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## Editorial Message:

We are happy to publish the fourth issue of it's third volume. The news are various activities of CHTRDP-II Project. The Publication Committee is working to enrich the bulletin through writings on the thematic areas of Taungya development issues from the organization family members. In addition, development activists, researchers or writers from other in CHT are heartily welcome to publish their writings in our bulletin. We hope that the publication of the *Bulletin* will continue to contribute to the social development arena in the this region as well as inform organization various development interventions.

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*Open discussion session during consultation meeting at Sijhok High School*

## Taungya Executive Director joins in a Consultation Meeting

Taungya Executive Director, Mr Biplob Chakma joins in a consultation meeting organized at Shijok High School on the 26 July 2018. In this regard, affected communities and stakeholders from the Marishya Bazaar to Myanimukh Bazaar via Babupara Battali, Dhakkin Sarotoli road Part-1 participate in the meeting. The objective of the

meeting was to assess project impact, monitor project progress, exchange opinion on land acquisition issues and compensation benefits etc. Among the stakeholders– Sijokh High Schools Headmaster Mr. Gyanamoy Chakma, Headman (in charge) Mukul Chakma, MP representative of Baghaisori upazila Mr. Tridip Chakma were present in the meeting. The meeting was organized in formal manner and speech delivery by the



*Executive Director of Taungya, Mr. Biplob Chakma talks about project impact on community livelihood and occupation*

stakeholders. During his speech delivery headman (in charge) Mr. Mukul Chakma says- “we received compensation for our title lands but we heard that there will be no compensation given against the customary lands. It is confusing and we will be looser as most of the people have customary lands.” Mr. Biplob Chakma shares information about the confusing issues on customary land and request the affected communities to be patience and wait. On the other hand, MP representative Mr. Tridip Chakma says- “We know that according to the ADB policies there are options to allocate compensation against customary land.” He also

submit an application to Executive Director for compensation wishing Taungya's cooperation in that regard. However, after free and open discussion the meeting ends with request to allow compensation against customary land of the sub-project and participants thank Mr. Biplob Chakma and Taungya to share opinion about the issues they have been suffering for.



*Mr. Palsh Khisa talks about necessity and roles and responsibilities of the ADRF members*

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Forum - ADRF Formation at Bandarban

On the 24 July 2018, CHTRDP-II project team of Taungya organizes a meeting to form Alternative Dispute Resolution Team– ADRF for the Holudia– Vaggyakul Tonkabati Road Sub-project under Bandarban Sadar Upazila of the CHTRDP-II project. The team was comprised of four members and led by Monitoring and Docu-

mentation Officer MR. Palash Khisa. District Project Officer, Bandarban (in charge) Mr. Atanu Dewan, additionally assigned DPO, Mr. Tanak Chakma and District Field Facilitator Victor Chakma also join in the ADRF formation facilitation team.

“The ADRF was formed with eight members in participatory way where women of the communities, local elected bodies like UP members, ex- member, chairman, karbari and local elites became member of the newly formed ADRF.” Says DPO Mr. Atanu Chakma. Monitoring & Documentation Officer Mr. Palash Khisa says- “The role of the ADRF members is basically volunteer service for the local affected communities in terms of land acquisition and resettlement process. The also have strong role to address grievance, project progress monitoring etc. If they are well functional then the affected communities will be benefited through resolving their dispute related problems.”



*DPP Tanak Chakma shares project progress among the participants*



*Sub-assistant Engineer Mr. Rafiquzzaman from PWD, Rangamati verifies structures information provided in the LARP*

## Structures Verification visit by Public Welfare Department

On the 09 August 2018 a team from the Rangamati Public Welfare Department visits Betbunia Chairy Bazaar – Bar Awalia Santirhat Road sub-project site to verify information of affected house structures. The team was led by Sub-assistant Engineer

Mr. Rafiquzzaman from PWD, Rangamati Other participants were & Sub-assistant Engineer, Mr. Mirajul Islam, Assistant Accountant Pronabesh Chakma. DFF, Mr. Khanos Chakma from Taungya facilitate and coordinate the visit. During the visit

the team members talks with the affected communities in five villages namely– Sapmara, Lungi Para, Purba Lungi Para, Dulusori and Moddhyom Monai Para. According to Mr. Khanos Chakma- “total nine shop structures are going to be affected by the project. The affected shop owners are from Bangali, Marma and Barua communities who basically live on their small shops. As per project policy they are going to compensated from the concerned DC office but the final information is prepared by the PWD before compensation distribution.”



*District Field Facilitator, Mr. Khanos Chakma facilitates the visit*

## Dispute Resolution visit at Betbunia Shantirhat Sub-project

On the 12 July 2018 a team from LGED, Rangamati visit project site of Betbunia Chairy Bazaar – Bar Awalia Shantirhat Road sub-project to address land related dispute. LGED representatives–

Sub-assistant Eng. Md. Hashem, Sub-assistant Eng. Mr. Paritosh Roy join the team and directly talks with the affected communities to solve their problems. CHTRDP-II Project Manager Mr. Reetesh Roy, Monitoring and Documentation Officer Mr. Palash Khisa, DFF Khanos Chakma also travel to the project site and contribute to dispute resolution. No formal meeting was arranged for the visit but the team members directly

talks with the affected communities, local elites, ward members and concerned karbari. Nurul Islam karbari says- “the affected shopkeepers are worried as there was no compensation given to them and the road construction is still going on. But when they first heard about the road construction they came to know that compensation will be given before road construction and now find that LGED is doing their work without compensate the affected communities. It made them frustrated.” Project Manager Reetesh Roy says- “the process is complicated as multi GoB departments are involved and each of these departments must complete their tasks then after everything is finalized DC office and HDC take necessary steps for compensation distribution. So, sometime it effects to raise this type of issue sometimes.”



*Affected shops by the under construction road*